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Dear Alumni:

Here we are! Our first letter and update to you, our Alumni, from your College.

You are a very important, intricate part of who we are. Did you know that the word alumnus literally means "foster child"? And since Redeemer College is your alma mater, your "nourishing mother", you can see how close this tie really is. At the College we are therefore very interested in what and how you are doing. May we ask you to keep us informed as to what is happening to you so that we in turn can let others know? We intend to have a column in Reflections for you and a regular Alumni publication as well.

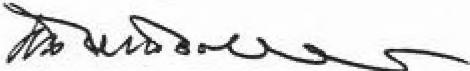
Of course we want to keep you posted about events at the College. This newsletter is a first attempt to do so. Please consider it your duty to participate and stay in touch.

We are very grateful for the new facilities. Most of you have seen them but if you have not, please make it a point to visit. Our academic program continues to grow. At the last meeting, the Board of Governors appointed people in the French, Political Science and Music departments. The building of our pipe organ is well on its way and should be completed, the Lord willing, by September of this year.

Please continue your enthusiastic support. For many of you it is not yet possible to help financially, but if you are able to boost the College when you talk to others, we would be delighted.

May God richly bless you. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Henry R. De Bolster
President

Dear Alumni:

Welcome to the Redeemer College Alumni Association!

It is our goal to get our Alumni Association organized and operating during 1987.

Let me describe what's been happening. To begin, I have been polling students, faculty and staff at the College in order to find a good name for our newsletter. The favourite (as you might have noticed) seems to be Images and I hope that most of you approve of it. We intend to publish this newsletter every three or four months and fill it with your articles, Crown articles, general information and anything else that may be of interest.

By the end of the year, we hope to compile an up-to-date Alumnus mailing list and then publish a directory containing names, addresses and phone numbers of all Association members. We intend to do this on an annual basis for as long as circumstances allow us to do so.

Many of you will remember the good time we had at our first reunion in 1984. Indeed, one of our goals should be to host more of these. A survey taken in 1985 by Arend Kersten indicated that most Alumni favour a reunion every other year and that it should have a semi-structured format. When the time comes, we'll be sure to include lots of free time in the program for socializing.

Indeed, the future of our Alumni Association looks exciting, but to make it a true success we need your ideas. Attached you will find a form for personal information. Please fill it out and return it to the College as soon as possible, even if we have your address correct! You will also notice that there is room on the form for your comments and suggestions. I ask you to take advantage of this opportunity to voice your opinion. This is your Association and it should develop according to your wishes. We enclose a business reply envelope for your convenience.

In the meantime, you can expect your next issue of Images in April. It will deal with Faculty and Academic developments as well as some of the current issues around the campus at that time. You may also look forward to a much improved format.

I hope that this brief note has found you all in good health and spirit and that things are going well for you. I look forward very much to hearing from you soon so that I can begin to put your ideas into practice.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Help us find our "lost" members! If you know of fellow Alumni who recently moved, married, etc. please let us know where they are. Let's keep their numbers to a minimum.